

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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JEFFREY STEVENS,

Plaintiff(s),

-against-

THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL and
ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY,
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SUMMONS

Plaintiff(s) designate
NEW YORK County as the
place of trial.

The basis of the venue is
Defendant's place of business


Plaintiff(s) reside at
133 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, NY 11561

Index No.:
Date Summons &
Complaint Filed:

To the above named Defendant(s)

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty days after the services of this summons exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: Port Washington, NY
September 23 2019


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JEFFREY STEVENS,

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

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Jury Trial Demanded

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Plaintiff, Jeffrey Stevens, by his attorneys, Parker Waichman LLP, complaining of the defendants, respectfully alleges, on personal knowledge as to himself and on information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

1. At the time of the commencement of this action plaintiff, Jeffrey Stevens, was a resident of the County of Nassau, State of New York.
2. At the time of the incident(s) giving rise to this complaint, plaintiff was a resident of the County of Queens, State of New York.
3. This action is timely pursuant to CPLR 214-g.
4. At all times herein mentioned, defendant The Rockefeller University Hospital, was a not for profit corporation incorporated in the State of New York by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
5. At all times herein mentioned, The Rockefeller University Hospital, was located at 1230 York Avenue, New York, New York 10021.
6. At all times herein mentioned, defendant Rockefeller University, was a not for profit corporation incorporated in the State of New York by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
7. At all times herein mentioned, Rockefeller University, was located at 1230 York

Avenue, New York, New York 10021.

8. At all times herein mentioned, Dr. Reginald Archibald was a doctor operating under the direction and control of defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, and its agents, servants and/or employees.

9. At all times herein mentioned, Dr. Reginald Archibald was a doctor operating under the direction and control of defendant, Rockefeller University, and its agents, servants and/or employees.

10. At all times herein mentioned, Dr. Reginald Archibald was an agent, servant and/or employee of defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital.

11. At all times herein mentioned, Dr. Reginald Archibald was an agent, servant and/or employee of defendant, Rockefeller University.

12. The negligence and recklessness of defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, caused Dr. Reginald Archibald to have access to infants, on hospital premises and elsewhere, despite its knowledge that Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually abused children and/or had the propensity to sexually abuse children. The defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, is therefore liable for the injuries that plaintiff suffered because, but for defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital's negligence, plaintiff would not have suffered the mental and physical anguish inflicted by Dr. Reginald Archibald.

13. The negligence and recklessness of defendant, Rockefeller University, caused Dr. Reginald Archibald to have access to infants, on hospital premises and elsewhere, despite its knowledge that Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually abused children and/or had the propensity to sexually abuse children. The defendant, Rockefeller University, is therefore liable for the injuries that plaintiff suffered because, but for defendant, Rockefeller University's negligence, plaintiff would not have suffered the mental and physical anguish inflicted by Dr. Reginald Archibald.

14. Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually assaulted plaintiff, Jeffrey Stevens, and many other young patients of defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, in New York, New York. Nonetheless, defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, failed to remove Dr. Reginald Archibald from his position as a doctor or to take any steps to keep this sexual predator away from children. In fact, defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, continued to allow, encourage and/or permit Dr. Reginald Archibald to have unfettered access to infants.

15. Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually assaulted plaintiff, Jeffrey Stevens, and many other young patients of defendant, Rockefeller University, in New York, New York. Nonetheless, defendant, Rockefeller University, failed to remove Dr. Reginald Archibald from his position as a doctor or to take any steps to keep this sexual predator away from children. In fact, defendant, Rockefeller University, continued to allow, encourage and/or permit Dr. Reginald Archibald to have unfettered access to infants.

16. On or about April 22, 1971 through January 15, 1975, Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually assaulted and unlawfully touched plaintiff in the examining room of his office at defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital. Dr. Reginald Archibald asked plaintiff who was then fourteen (14) years old, to undress. Dr. Reginald Archibald indicated he wanted to measure plaintiff's penis while both flaccid and erect. Dr. Reginald Archibald then proceeded to touch and fondle plaintiff's penis.

17. On or about April 22, 1971 through January 15, 1975, Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually assaulted and unlawfully touched plaintiff in the examining room of his office at defendant, Rockefeller University. Dr. Reginald Archibald asked plaintiff who was then fourteen (14) years old, to undress. Dr. Reginald Archibald indicated he wanted to measure plaintiff's penis while both flaccid and erect. Dr. Reginald Archibald then proceeded to touch and fondle plaintiff's penis.

18. Dr. Reginald Archibald was able to gain access to plaintiff by using his position of authority as a doctor affiliated with defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, provided by defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, to gain the trust of plaintiff, other children and their families.

19. Dr. Reginald Archibald was able to gain access to plaintiff by using his position of authority as a doctor affiliated with defendant, Rockefeller University, provided by defendant, Rockefeller University, to gain the trust of plaintiff, other children and their families.

20. As a result of the actions of defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, and Dr. Reginald Archibald, plaintiff felt and continues to feel ashamed and uncomfortable. Plaintiff has endured and continues to suffer severe emotional distress due to the negligence of defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital.

21. As a result of the actions of defendant, Rockefeller University, and Dr. Reginald Archibald, plaintiff felt and continues to feel ashamed and uncomfortable. Plaintiff has endured and continues to suffer severe emotional distress due to the negligence of defendant, Rockefeller University.

22. As a result of the foregoing, plaintiff suffered catastrophic and lifelong injuries as a result of defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital's negligence in undertaking a duty, including but not limited to *in loco parentis*, in failing to protect its infant patients and to keep them safe from Dr. Reginald Archibald, despite defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, having knowledge that Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually abused children and/or had the propensity to sexually abuse children, and/or allowing Dr. Reginald Archibald to continue to have a position of authority and power and in failing to adequately supervise Dr. Reginald Archibald.

23. As a result of the foregoing, plaintiff suffered catastrophic and lifelong injuries as a result of defendant, Rockefeller University's negligence in undertaking a duty, including but not

limited to *in loco parentis*, in failing to protect its infant patients and to keep them safe from Dr. Reginald Archibald, despite defendant, Rockefeller University, having knowledge that Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually abused children and/or had the propensity to sexually abuse children, and/or allowing Dr. Reginald Archibald to continue to have a position of authority and power and in failing to adequately supervise Dr. Reginald Archibald.

**AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
NEGLIGENT HIRING, RETENTION, SUPERVISION AND/OR DIRECTION**

24. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 23 as if fully set forth herein.

25. The sexual abuse of children by adults, including medical doctors and other medical providers, is foreseeable.

26. Defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, at all relevant times, had a duty to supervise and prevent known risks of harm to its infant patients by its doctors and staff.

27. Defendant, Rockefeller University, at all relevant times, had a duty to supervise and prevent known risks of harm to its infant patients by its doctors and staff.

28. Defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, was negligent in hiring, retaining, directing and supervising its personnel, such as Dr. Reginald Archibald, who were careless, unskillful, negligent, reckless and acted in a willful and wanton manner in not possessing the requisite knowledge and skill of doctors and hospital staff who should have properly been supervising the doctors and hospital staff to ensure the safety of its infant patients.

29. Defendant, Rockefeller University, was negligent in hiring, retaining, directing and supervising its personnel, such as Dr. Reginald Archibald, who were careless, unskillful, negligent, reckless and acted in a willful and wanton manner in not possessing the requisite knowledge and skill of doctors and hospital staff who should have properly been supervising the doctors and

hospital staff to ensure the safety of its infant patients.

30. Defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, knew or should have known that Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually abused and/or had the propensity to sexually abuse children and did nothing to stop it.

31. Defendant, Rockefeller University, knew or should have known that Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually abused and/or had the propensity to sexually abuse children and did nothing to stop it.

32. As a direct and proximate result of defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital's negligent hiring, supervising and retention of Dr. Reginald Archibald, plaintiff was caused to suffer serious personal injuries, emotional distress, conscious pain and suffering, mental anguish and/or physical manifestations thereof, and other losses, all of which have not as yet been ascertained.

33. As a direct and proximate result of defendant, Rockefeller University's negligent hiring, supervising and retention of Dr. Reginald Archibald, plaintiff was caused to suffer serious personal injuries, emotional distress, conscious pain and suffering, mental anguish and/or physical manifestations thereof, and other losses, all of which have not as yet been ascertained.

34. By reason of the foregoing, defendants, The Rockefeller University Hospital and Rockefeller University, is liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and punitive damages, together with costs and interest in an amount which exceeds the jurisdiction of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

**AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
NEGLIGENCE/GROSS NEGLIGENCE**

35. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 34 as if fully set forth herein.

36. Defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, knew or negligently failed to know that Dr. Reginald Archibald posed a threat of sexual abuse to children.

37. Defendant, Rockefeller University, knew or negligently failed to know that Dr. Reginald Archibald posed a threat of sexual abuse to children.

38. At all relevant times, defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, owed a duty of care to plaintiff and other infant patients, including but not limited to *in loco parentis*, to keep them safe from sexual abuse by the doctors and staff under its supervision and control.

39. At all relevant times, defendant, Rockefeller University, owed a duty of care to plaintiff and other infant patients, including but not limited to *in loco parentis*, to keep them safe from sexual abuse by the doctors and staff under its supervision and control.

40. At all relevant times, defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, and/or its agents, servants and/or employees breached the above stated duty in a negligent, reckless, willful and wanton manner, and caused plaintiff to be sexually assaulted by Dr. Reginald Archibald while on defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital's premises.

41. At all relevant times, defendant, Rockefeller University, and/or its agents, servants and/or employees breached the above stated duty in a negligent, reckless, willful and wanton manner, and caused plaintiff to be sexually assaulted by Dr. Reginald Archibald while on defendant, Rockefeller University's premises.

42. As the result of defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital's failure to carry out its duty to plaintiff, as described above, plaintiff was caused to experience severe psychological injuries and the loss of enjoyment of life. These injuries are persistent, permanent and debilitating in nature.

43. As the result of defendant, Rockefeller University's failure to carry out its duty to plaintiff, as described above, plaintiff was caused to experience severe psychological injuries and

the loss of enjoyment of life. These injuries are persistent, permanent and debilitating in nature.

44. By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff is entitled to compensatory and punitive damages in an amount which exceeds the jurisdiction of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

45. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 44 above as if set forth at length herein.

46. As described above, defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, and Dr. Reginald Archibald acted in a negligent and/or grossly negligent manner.

47. As described above, defendant, Rockefeller University, and Dr. Reginald Archibald acted in a negligent and/or grossly negligent manner.

48. Defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, and its agents, servants and/or employees knew or reasonably should have known that the sexual abuse and other improper conduct would and did proximately result in physical and emotional distress to plaintiff.

49. Defendant, Rockefeller University, and its agents, servants and/or employees knew or reasonably should have known that the sexual abuse and other improper conduct would and did proximately result in physical and emotional distress to plaintiff.

50. Defendant, The Rockefeller University Hospital, had the power, ability, authority and duty to intervene with and/or stop the improper conduct that resulted in plaintiff being sexually abused by Dr. Reginald Archibald.

51. Defendant, Rockefeller University, had the power, ability, authority and duty to intervene with and/or stop the improper conduct that resulted in plaintiff being sexually abused by Dr. Reginald Archibald.

52. Despite said knowledge, power and duty, defendants negligently failed to act to stop, prevent and prohibit the improper conduct that resulted in Dr. Reginald Archibald sexually abusing plaintiff.

53. The actions of defendants, The Rockefeller University Hospital and Rockefeller University, and Dr. Reginald Archibald endangered plaintiff's safety and caused him to fear for his own safety.

54. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of defendants, The Rockefeller University Hospital and Rockefeller University, and Dr. Reginald Archibald, which included, but were not limited to, negligent and/or grossly negligent conduct, plaintiff suffered severe injuries and damages as described herein, including, but not limited to, mental and emotional distress.

55. By reason of the foregoing, defendants, The Rockefeller University Hospital and Rockefeller University, is liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and for punitive damages, together with costs and interest.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against defendants on each cause of action as follows:

- A. Awarding compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but in any event in an amount that exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction;
- B. Awarding punitive damages to the extent permitted by law;
- C. Awarding prejudgment interest to the extent permitted by law;
- D. Awarding costs and fees of this action, including attorneys' fees, to the extent permitted by law;
- E. Awarding such other and further relief as to this Court may seem just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: Port Washington, New York
September 23, 2019

Yours, etc.



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INDIVIDUAL VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK

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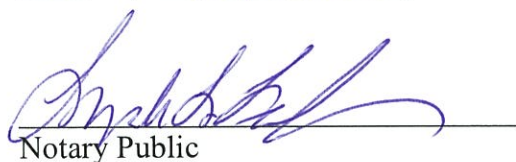
COUNTY OF NASSAU

Jeffrey Stevens being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am the plaintiff(s) herein; I have read the annexed Complaint and know the contents thereof and the same are true to my knowledge, except those matter therein which are stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.


Jeffrey Stevens

Sworn to before me this

23 day of September, 20
Notary Public

LYNDA L. LUCKMAN
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01LU4949698
Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires April 17, 2023

NYSCEF NO. 1

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Certification per 22 NYCRR §130-1.1a

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To:
Attorney(s) for

Service of a copy of the within is hereby admitted.

Dated:
Attorney(s) for

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

NOTICE OF

ENTRY that the within is a (certified) true copy of a entered in the office of the Clerk of the within named
Court on 2019 .

NOTICE that an Order of which the within is a true copy will be presented to the Hon. , one of the
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SETTLEMENT judges of the within named Court, at ,
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Dated:

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Attorneys for Plaintiff(s)

TO: